

Minutes
West Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission
Certificate of Appropriateness Sub-Committee
Morton Community Center
222 N. Chauncey Avenue
West Lafayette, IN 47906
April 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Peter Bunder, Chair, who presided.

Present: Peter Bunder, Chris Kulesza, Kurt Wahl, Chandler Poole, Tom Eismin (Applicant)

Absent: Jim Sondgeroth

512 N. Salisbury

Director of Development, Chandler Poole spoke regarding this project. This application is for 512 N. Salisbury which is owned by Tom Eismin who is filing the application today. We are currently looking at the removal of a back lean-to porch that was enclosed to make more of a living space. He wants to remove this to bring the house back to an original floorplate. He also would like extend the current garage by 4 feet, but keeping the same roof line and look. This is a complete application.

Kurt Wahl spoke regarding this project. He's reviewed the documents. The porch is not a part of the existing structure. The foundations are different, but the siding looks like it's been resided to include this portion. Once the addition is taken down, how do we patch back that one area where there is no siding. Mr. Wahl recommends using salvaged siding from the demo just to patch in that area. Mr. Wahl continued to state that there is an old door in the interior of the house that will now become an exterior opening. Mr. Eismin would like to remove that door and replace it with a window. None of the windows that are on the existing house are original. Something that looks like the existing windows there would be appropriate. The final part is building a small steps and landing to get to the existing back door, which is just a little wooden project.

Mr. Wahl went on to the next part of the project which is basically a re-build of the garage. The garage is going to get 4 feet bigger which would mean a total brand new roof on the thing. There would be replacement of the existing garage doors. Mr. Wahl doesn't see issue with the new garage doors. He also stated there would be new doors and windows on the West side. The biggest issue for Mr. Wahl is the existing siding. To do the roof that he is looking at, would basically be removing the gabled end portion to put the new roof on there. That leaves the existing siding below. Mr. Wahl would like to see something that replicates that original look.

Mr. Eismin spoke regarding the siding. The closest he could find regarding the original look was a bull nosed shaped to this original effect was a vinyl siding with that profile. The other option is to go with an engineered lumber, but that's an 8-inch or a different shape to it. He questioned whether or not we go with the right profile, or the right material. He believes that he could do the public right-of-way side with the original wood, but the vinyl on the rest of the house.

The committee questioned whether or not they wanted him to go with the correct material (engineered hardwood) or vinyl siding to match the profile of the original wood.

Mr. Eismin stated that he's trying to maintain the historic look of the house as much as he can.

Commissioner Bunder stated that he's more concerned with the integrity of the house than that of the garage. He likes what Mr. Eismin is doing with this property.

Mr. Eismin's preference is to go with the vinyl because it's cost effective and it looks more like the original wood that is currently on the garage. Commissioner Kulesza stated that he will concede to vinyl since this is a garage and the vinyl matched to profile of the current siding.

Commissioner Kulesza stated that she moves to accept the Certificate of Appropriateness Application, specifically stating the vinyl is okay on the garage. Commissioner Bunder seconded. All approved.

This will be sent to final approval to the Historic Preservation Commission next week.

Commissioner Bunder moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kulesza seconded. The sub-committee adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Peter Bunder, Chair